

The Church Guardian

Upholds the Doctrines and Rubrics of the Prayer Book.

"Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."—Eph. vi. 24.
"Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."—Jude 3.

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PROVINCIAL SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN CANADA.

The next meeting of the Provincial Synod for the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada will meet at the Synod Hall, in the city of Montreal, on the 11th day of September next. The Bishops, Clergy and Lay Delegates will walk in procession from the Synod Hall to the Cathedral, where service will be held, commencing at 10:30 a.m. The preacher (appointed by the Most Reverend the Metropolitan) will be the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia (Dr. Courtney). The business meetings will, it is understood, be held as heretofore in the St. George's School House, Stanley street. All *Notices of Motion* which any desire to have placed on the *Agenda* paper must be in the hands of the Hon. Lay Secretary (Dr. Davidson, Q.C., Montreal), on or before the 17th day of August next at latest, and proposed *Canons* before the 7th August. It is desirable that all such *Notices* and *Canons* should be sent in as soon as possible.

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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

HER Majesty has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Rev. Canon Ware to be Suffragan Bishop of Derby, in the Diocese of Southwell.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Ven. Archdeacon Randall to be Suffragan Bishop of Reading, in the Diocese of Oxford.

ALL the Protestant Churches in Ireland have this year, as in the past, avowed their increasing determination to maintain the fight for an undivided Kingdom.

FREE and open churches are becoming the rule in England. St. Mark's, Cheetham Hill, Manchester, has now thrown open all its pews, giving 1,028 free sittings.

A surpliced and trained choir of men and boys has been introduced into Christ Church, Newgate Street, London. This is probably the first time a surpliced choir has been seen in this church since the Reformation.

A LEARNED clergyman was accosted in the following manner by an illiterate preacher who despised education:—"Sir, you have been to college, I suppose?" "Yes, sir," was the reply. "I am thankful," rejoined the latter, "that the Lord has opened my mouth to preach without

any learning." "A similar event," replied the former, "occurred in Balaam's time, but such things are of rare occurrence at the present."

THE report of the Mackenzie Memorial Mission to Zaliland shows that 108 catechumens were admitted in 1888, and that 1,303 baptized natives are now on the roll, and 77 catechumens under instruction.

THE Church Army has recently decided to employ not only working women as its mission nurses, but ladies of education. Some of the mission nurses have signified their desire to go to labour among the lepers in India.

AMONGST the gifts to the Church of Handon Sutherland, recently consecrated by the Bishop of Durham, were two silver gilt chalices, patens with engraved Greek inscription, two rubric cross cruetts, with silver-gilt mounts, enclosed in an oak case with Latin inscription on brass plate.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, who was consecrated first Bishop of Truro on April 25th 1877 and translated to the Archbishopial See of Canterbury, as ninety-second Archbishop, in 1883, was born near Birmingham on July 14th, 1829, and has therefore completed his sixtieth year.

ON entering the peacefully situated churchyards of St. Michael, Bttws-y-Coed, there is found painted on a board and taken, it is said, from an ancient fourteenth century source, and which with advantage might be placed in many churchyards:—

"This churchyard is committed to the Christian care of all who enter in. Do no harm. Walk not on the graves. Suffer no one to play The place whercon thou standest is holy ground."

ALL the best sites along the hill country of Judea between Jerusalem westward and the sea have been bought by Russia and covered with splendid Greek temples. The great pilgrimage of the day are from Russia to Palestine. Every year about thirty to forty thousand Russian pilgrims visit the Holy Land and return, bearing with them countless mementoes and relics of its old sacred places, so keeping alive that fever which, one day and soon, will drive the Turk out of Constantinople and Jerusalem as well.

THE British Consular Agent at Jaffa states that a concession for a railway from Jaffa to Jerusalem has been granted by the Sultan to Mr. Joseph Navon, an Ottoman subject, for seventy one years. A company has been formed in England and France to carry out the scheme and the engineers are soon expected to undertake the work. The carriage road between Jaffa and Jerusalem has been greatly improved. The Jewish colonists in Palestine are improving. The fine good labourers and their land is cultivated thoroughly.

AT St. Paul's Cathedral the regular week-day afternoon service is reverentially attended by a crowd of worshippers quite distinct from ordin-

ary sight-seers; and they come from all parts of the earth. On a Tuesday, lately, many Americans were present, and joined in the service, no doubt impressed by the fact that on a working day a congregation large enough to fill the area under the dome could be gathered together. Only a few years ago such a sight would have been impossible. There were Roman Catholics, Salvationists, Greeks, and even dusky visitors from the far East among those who knelt or simply bowed their heads.

CANTERBURY.—The Archbishop of Canterbury, in his opening address to the Diocesan Conference, said the first work of the Church to teach the truth, and the faith and mission work for them must never cease. He was persuaded that the propagation of the Gospel could not be successfully or lastingly carried out by ignorant or untrained persons, and he would urge upon the clergy to give their curates time and opportunities for study. The younger clergy must educate themselves, and they must be acquainted with the literature of the world, ancient and modern. The Church was standing in a crisis as regarded education, but they must remember that the Church had hitherto taken the lead in educational efforts, and they must endeavour to keep to the front.

IN the Ohio Convention, while discussing the Bishop's salary, Mr. Horace Walbridge arose and said:—"I have a proposition to make. I will donate to the diocese a residence in this city (Toledo), on a good street, a property valued at \$15,000 with the provision that the balance of you raise \$25,000, \$5,000 of which are to be set aside to make such alterations in house as may be necessary, a fund beyond that to be expended in furnishing the house, and the balance to be paid in insurance and taxes. Now the diocese may have this right; if at the end of five years, they decide that Toledo is not the proper place for the Bishop's residence the property may be sold." The generous offer was accepted by the Convention.

THE "DOWN GRADE" IN THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—One of the surest evidences that the Free Church of Scotland is on the 'down grade' is the recent appointment of Dr. Marcus Dods, by an overwhelming majority, to the chair of New Testament Exegesis in the New College, Edinburgh. It will be remembered that the paper read by Dr. Dods at the General Presbyterian Council in London, last July, was taken exception to and severely criticised by all the sound men in the Council who had an opportunity of speaking in the discussion. In that paper he was understood, among other things, to deny the infallibility of the Bible, and to cast discredit on the morality of the Old Testament. Indeed there was scarcely a paragraph in the paper that did not contain some one-sided and erroneous statement, and the whole tone and tendency of it was extremely unsatisfactory.

A PRESBYTERIAN minister of the Established Church of Scotland recently wrote to Lord Nelson as follows:—"The General Assemblies are in session at present. I had hoped that the Bishops of the Church of England, after the